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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12th/October, through Sunday, 19th/October there were 233 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4U1U, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, AP, BV, BV9P, BY, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T32, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZK3, ZL, ZL8, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS. By the time you read this, Monk Apollo, **SV2ASP/A**, should be on the air (or close to being back on) in a "BIG WAY". Over the last several months, George Varvitsiotes, K6SV, has been communicating with Monk Apollo since his radio went down (off the air - broke) and began the project to help him get back on the air. George informed OPDX on Tuesday, October 14th, that he was leaving the next morning for Greece and would be taking Monk Apollo a new Icom IC-756 ProII and power supply donated by Icom. He stated that he had all the necessary papers (that Monk Apollo sent him) to enter Mount Athos and deliver the new radio. George also told OPDX that it is his intentions (with Monk Apollo's

approval) to install all the antennas that were previous donated and get Monk Apollo back on the air in a big way. George informed OPDX of his plans back in July once OPDX announced that the Northern Ohio DX Association (NODXA) was looking into collecting funds to buy Monk Apollo a new radio. At that time he told OPDX he was going to Greece on family business and wanted to keep his plans a secret until the radio was delivered. OPDX and NODXA agreed to his wishes. Once again, OPDX and NODXA would like to thank the many "who wanted to help". We hope you get a chance to work Monk Apollo and welcome him back on the air. ADDED NOTE: George, K8SV, will also participate in the **CQWW SSB Contest** (See **J43**).

4L, GEORGIA. Imeda, **4L4AJ**, will be active in the **CQWW SSB DX Contest**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using High Power.

4X6, ISRAEL. Operators Seth/4X1DX and Zvi/4X6FR will be active as **4X6FR** in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest** (**October 25-26th**) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via 4X6OM.

9U, BURUNDI. The "DX Newsletter" reports that Richard, F8LPX, is working at the French embassy in **Bujumbura** for the next **three years**. He is expected to be active, but the callsign is not known yet.

AH2, GUAM (Update). Aki, JI3ERV/NH2C, Chairperson of Guam Contest Club (GCC), informs OPDX that members of the GCC will be on the air during the **CQWW SSB Contest** next weekend (**October 25- 26th**) as **AH2R**. This time they plan to set a target as the Oceanic leader in the Multi-OP 2-TX category and the World's Top 5. Also, they are trying to build an Oceanic record in this category. Operators are: Aki, JI3ERV/NH2C; Toshi, JR7OMD/WI3O; Osamu, JP1JFG/N2IU; Kaz, JG3RPL/N1BJ; Kou, JH7QXJ; Sam, JR8VSE/NH2N; and Noz, JE8KKX/AH2K. Guam Island's (KH2, Zone 27 and IOTA OC-026) sunrise and sunset are: 2013z and 0756z. QSL via JH7QXJ (Direct - See QRZ.com) or the JA bureau (NOT the KH2 bureau). SPECIAL NOTICES: Due to the band plan, their operation on 40m is limited between 7075 and 7100 kHz. Please listen carefully!! They are also planning participation in the CQWW CW Contest next month. Details will be released later.

BEWARE OF CLUSTER PIRATES. This has become a growing problem over the last few years. Laurent, F8BBL, informs OPDX that over the past few weeks someone has been pirating his callsign and causing problems on the DXclusters as well as QRM in pile ups. He is sorry, but it's not him, and he is confused/troubled about the problem. He also mentions that the French authority is informed.

BQ9P, PRATAS ISLAND. The Pratas Island DXpedition is now **QRT** as of 6:00 am (local time) on **October 16th**. The group made some 27000 QSOs. For more details, please visit their Web page at: http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage64.htm

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND. Wojciech/SP9PT and Jerzy/SP9EVP are now active as **CE0Y/homecall** until **November 1st**. Both have been very active on 40 meters CW this past weekend, but there has been some activity on 20 and 17 meters as well. Keep a lookout for some digital and SSB activity. OPDX has also seen a spot from them on 6 meters. QSL via their home callsigns.

CT8, PORTUGAL. Timo, OH1NOA, will be active from CT1DVV/CT1ESV's QTH as **CT8T**

in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest** (**November 29-30th**) as a Single-Op/ All Band/High Power entry. QSLs will be sent out automatically via the Bureau.

EA6, BALEARIC ISLANDS. Look for a Hungarian team to be active between **November 2-9th** and also participate in the **HA-QRP Contest** as **EA6/HA5RT/p**. The contest station will be on 3511 kHz using around 10 watts. The operators will use their home callsigns on the other bands as follows: **EA6/HA6NL/p** (Laci), **EA6/HA6PS/p** (Zsolt), **EA6/HA6ZV/p** (Tibor) and **EA6/HA7JJS/p** (Sanyi). Their main mode is CW, but some digital activity will also take place. QSLs should go via the bureau by their home calls, and for EA6/HA5RT/p via HA6NL.

FR/E, EUROPA. La GAZETTE du DX announced that the team which will be active from Europa has put online an Internet Web site where you can find all the necessary information about this DXpedition. The URL address is: http://europa2003.free.fr

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Operators Didier/FY5FY, Marc/F1HAR, Herve/F5HRY, Romuald/F5LND, Olivier/F5MZN, Gerard/F6FGZ and Larry/F6FVY will be active from Zone 9 as **FY5KE** (Zone 9) in the **CQWW SSB Contest** as a Multi-Single category. QSL to FY5KE direct or via bureau.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Members of the Hungarian Pannon DX Club and P.V.R. Klub Puspokladany will operate from Liechtenstein again this fall. The operation will take place between **November 2-10th** from a rented house at Masescha 1350m ASL. Activity is planned for the HF bands (160-10 meters, with the main focus on lower bands) including the WARC bands, on CW/SSB and RTTY. They will have two stations on 24 hours a day. Operators are: **HB0/HA0HW/p** (Laci), HB0/HA4DX/p (Tomi) and **HB0/HA4XG/p** (Geza). They will be using a FT-840 and a TS-450 with groundplanes and wire antennas sponsored by DunaX. Cards can be sent to their home callsigns direct or via the HA bureau. Suggested Web pages to view:

- Pannon DX Club - http://www.pannondxc.hu/
- P.V.R.Klub Puspokladany - http://www.c3.hu/~ha0khw/
- DunaX - http://www.pannondxc.hu/dunax/
- Liechtenstein (HB0) - http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ls.html

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. Dan, NN1N, will be active as **HC8N** during the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest** (**October 25-26th**) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL via W5UE.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. Trey/N5KO and other operators will be active as **HC8N** during the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest** (**November 29-30th**) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via W5UE.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-085**. Operators Han/DS2GOO, Chae/DS5BSX, Ryu/DS4NYE and possibly others will be active from **Soan Island** between **November 1-4th**. They will use their **homecall/4** or **D90HE/4** with 100w transceivers and various wire antennas. QSL via operator's homecall. They said that a log search will be available after the trip.
- **EU-092**. Jim, MM0BQI, is now active as **MM0BQI/P** from **Summer Isles** (IOSA SC10) **until October 27th**. Activity will be on all bands 80-6 meters with particular emphasis on 80m looking for DX around his sunrise and sunset. His activity will also include

entries in the **CQWW SSB Contest**. Look for him to sign as **MM0BQI/P** as a Single Band 80m entry and as **MM0Q** as an All Band/Low Power entry. QSL via RSGB or direct to MM0BQI: Jim Martin, 3 Lismore Ave, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW SCOTLAND.

- **OC-012**. Cal/WF5W and Paul/W5PF will arrive on **Yap Island** on **November 22nd**. They will operate as **V63WC** and **V63PF**, respectively, until **November 29th**. They will use 100 watt radios, wire dipoles for 30 and 40 meters and a 2 element SteppIR yagi for 20-6 meters. Operation will be CW and SSB with no digital modes planned at this time. Some limited operation in the **CQWW CW Contest** may be possible. QSL via W5PF.
- **OC-203**. Chris, ZL1CT (GM3WOJ), will be active as **ZL1CT/4** from **Stewart Island** from **January 11-15th**. Activity will be on CW/SSB on 40-20 meters only. He will use 400w into vertical antennas. For more info, please visit his Web page at: http://www.qsl.net/gm3woj/. Chris states, "Please work ZL1CT/4 as well as the 3Y0 DXpedition!"

J43, GREECE. Operators George/K6SV, Xenofon/SV3BEF, Dimitris/SV3BEH, and Vangelis/SV3BEG-Vangelis will be active from Southern Greece (Grid Locator: KM17ek) as **J43GRC** in the **CQWW SSB Contest** as a Multi-Op/Low Power entry. The team will use a 3 element Tribander for 20/15/10m, and wires for the lower bands. QSL Manager is K6HRO.

KP2/WP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Operators John/K3TEJ and Darrell/AB2E will be active as **WP2Z** in the **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest** (**November 29-30th**) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via KU9C. Operators will be on the WARC bands before the contest, and 160m after the contest signing **KP2/K3TEJ** and **KP2/AB2E**. QSL via their home calls.

KP3, PUERTO RICO. Felipe, NP4Z, will be active as **KP3Z** in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest** (**October 25-26th**) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL via WC4E.

LX, LUXEMBOURG. Two stations from LX have announced that they will be active from here during the CQWW SSB Contest. Look for the following stations:

1. **LX5A** (operator: LX1AQ - Phil) as SOSB HP 80m
2. **LX9SW** (operator: LX1RQ - Robert) as SOSB HP 20m

QSL both callsigns to LX1RQ or via the LX bureau.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Jos, CT1BOH, will be active from the station and QTH of PY0FF as **PT0F** from **October 19-28th** to take part in the **CQWW SSB Contest** as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL PT0F via W3HC.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **NEW QSL MANAGERS FOR A61AJ!** QSL via K2UO for North, Central, South America, the Caribbean and U.S. territories (such as KH0, KH2, etc.). K2UO address: George Oliva, 5 Windsor Drive, Eatontown, NJ 07724, USA QSL via DJ2MX for Europe/Asia/Africa/Pacific. DJ2MX address: Mario Lovric, Kampenwandstrasse 13, D-81671 Munich, Germany. George, K2UO, informs OPDX that QSLs will be printed shortly; please be patient. K2UO also promises prompt returns once all logs have been received and organized and the backlog has been eliminated. Direct cards (with proper postage or green stamp or IRC) will be given the highest priority; all bureau cards will be

answered. A message from Robert/S53R, Sejo/T97C, and Ghis/ON5NT also states that they are in the process of putting a database together for the QSOs before October 2003. As they are doing this in their spare time over the weekends; this could take a couple of weeks. They will keep us posted on this matter. For the moment, please only send your cards to the above managers for QSOs from October 2003 onwards.

- Pete, K3PD, informs OPDX that he is now the new QSL Manager for **YO2LEA**. He now has all the logs, 1990 to present. QSL direct or via the Bureau (Mark all cards YO2LEA VIA K3PD). Requests without return postage or envelope will be returned via Bureau. USD preferred over IRCs. K3PD's address is: Pete DeVolpi, 408 Hillside Ave., New Cumberland, PA, U.S.A. 17070-3036.
- Silvano, I2YSB, informs OPDX that the new QSL Manager for the **TX4PG** bureau cards is only to IK2DIA. Direct requests should still be sent to I2YSB. Silvano, I2YSB, is also the QSL Manager for 5U7B, 5U7DW, 5U7JK, 5U7JW and 5U7RW. QSL direct only to Silvano Borsa, P.O. Box 45, 27036 Mortara - PV, Italy. Online logs are available at: http://digilander.libero.it/i2ysb/

RM0, ASIATIC RUSSIA. Andy, UA0ANW, will be active as **RM0A** in **CQWW SSB Contest** as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry from Zone 18. QSL via the bureau or direct (address on QRZ.com).

SILENT KEY. Zik, DL/VE3ZIK, informs OPDX that Ron, **KZ5RO**, became a **Silent Key** on **October 13th**. He states that Ron was a great HAM, QSL Manager and helped alot people with QSL information. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to Ron's family and friends.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY/EVENT. Take, JI3DST, informs OPDX that he and Joe, JA4PXE, are going to go to Manchester, UK, for the RSGB HFC 2003 International HF & IOTA Convention from Japan on October 30th. They plan to be active from the HF & IOTA Convention event station, **MB2HFC**, on **November 2nd** (From 800z to 9:00z) for Asia (JAPAN).

SPECIAL EVENT. To celebrate the **Centennial of the Republic of Panama (1903-2003)**, look for special event station **HP100RCP** to be activated by the Radio Club de Panama from **November 1-3rd**. Activity will be on all bands and all modes (CW-SSB-RTTY & PSK31). A special commemorative QSL will be issued to all cards received with one green stamp or two IRCs to the following postal address: RADIO CLUB DE PANAMA, P.O. Box 10745, Panama, PANAMA.

TM7, FRANCE. Laurent, F8BBL, will be active with a special callsign, **TM7W**, from **November 16-30th**. Activity will included the **CQWW CW Contest**. QSL to the bureau via F8BBL.

TY4, BENIN. Jean-Marc, ON4JM, will be here for 2 months starting November 2nd because of his work. He has requested the callsign **TY4JM** from the Benin's Post and Telecommunication Office. Jean-Marc mentions that his activity will be limited because of his work Monday through Saturday, however, look for him possibly during his evening hours and on Sundays. He will be heading back to Belgium on December 23rd. QSL via ON4JM. Bureau cards are OK and it's preferred.

V55, NAMIBIA (Update/Change). Vlado/ZS6MG and Emil/ZS6EGB will be active as **V55V**

and **V55E**, respectively (instead of V5/homecall as reported in OPDX.628), from **October 23-27th**. Also, they decided to use the callsign **V55V** for **CQWW SSB Contest** (instead of V51E). QSL via ZS6MG. They inform OPDX that they are not sure if this V55 prefix was used before from Namibia, and it may be of interest for the hams around the world.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. The YL group is now active from here as **VK9XYL** until **October 27th**. Most of their activity has been on 20/15 meters CW/SSB. However, there have been some QSNs on 40/17/12/10 meters. QSL via VK3DYL.

VP9, BERMUDA. Operators William/N1HRA, Matt/WE1H, Foster/N3KCJ and Joe/K1JN will be active from **October 23-28th** and will take part in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest**. Outside of the contest, they will be active on 160-6 meters as **homecall/VP9**. The contest callsign has yet to be determined. QSL to homecall outside of the contest and to K1JN for contest QSOs.

VP9, BERMUDA. Kurt, W6PH, will be active as **VP9/W6PH** from VP9GE's QTH in **Hamilton Parish** during the **ARRL DX CW Contest** (**February 21-22nd**) and the **ARRL DX Phone Contest** (**March 6-7th**). His entry in both contests will be Single-Op/All Band/Low Power. QSL only via W6PH direct.

WRTC 2006 (in Brazil!). Steve Morris, K7LXC, WRTC Sanctioning Committee Chairman, released last weekend: "The World Radiosport Team Championship Sanctioning Committee, LABRE - Liga de Amadores de Radio Emisspo, and the GADX Araucaria DX Group are pleased to announce the next **WRTC competition** in **2006** in **Brazil**. Following in the footsteps of previous WRTC competitions held in Seattle, San Francisco, Slovenia, and Finland, the WRTC showcases amateur radio competition at the highest level. The competitors are among the best operators in the world in this ham radio Olympic-type event. The previous WRTC competitions have demonstrated the high degree of friendship in ham radio activity, together with an enormous sense of ethical competitiveness. The competition will be in Florianopolis, capital of the Santa Catarina State in Southern Brazil in July 2006. This event is open to everyone - competitor and spectator alike. Everyone is invited to attend the WRTC2006."

XU, CAMBODIA (Also IOTA op). Jaak, ES1FB, is once again here and will be active as **XU7ACE** until **October 28th**. He is currently staying in **Sihanoukville** and plans to be in next weekend's **CQWW DX SSB Contest**. Look for him to sign **XU7ACV** from **Koh Poah Island** (**AS-133**) between **October 21-23rd**. QSL via ES1FB. For more information, please visit the Web page at: http://www.hot.ee/xu7ace/

YA, AFGHANISTAN. Masa, JG1OWV, QSL Manager and an operation's pilot for YA1D/YA0J, informs OPDX that Sada, **YA1D**, is now on a leave back in Japan. Masa and Sada are currently discussing what antennas beside his existing wire dipoles to take back to YA. Sada will be active again from Kabul after October 30th with probably a HexBeam for the high bands and a vertical for lower bands. Masa mentions that some QSLs came to him via his very old "Flying Horse" Callbook address (These take a long time to reach him). Please use his current address to QSL. His address is: Masahiro Wada, 391-C-1204, Shibacho, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama, 236-0012, Japan.

ZS5, SOUTH AFRICA. Edwin, ZS5BBO, informs OPDX that he will be active in the upcoming **CQWW SSB Contest** as **ZS5T** as a Single-Op/Single Band (20m) entry. QSL via

ZS5BBO.

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